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SIGNED COMMENTARY IN FEB. 2 PRAVDA ENTITLED "MILITARISTS'
MACHINATIONS" STRONGLY REITERATES SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO
ASEAN AND ATTACKS ALLEGED U.S. EFFORTS TO USE ASEAN FOR
U.S. POLITICAL-MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN ASIA. ARTICLE
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-- PRESENT AND PLANNED U.S. NAVAL MANEUVERS IN GULF
OF THAILAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH NAVIES OF THAILAND,
GREAT BRITAIN, AND POSSIBLY AUSTRALIA, IS PART OF
WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS TO ASSOCIATE SEA NATIONS
WITH ITS MILITARY-POLITICAL PLANS FOR ASIA;

-- DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY'S VISIT TO

ASEAN NATIONS WAS IN PREPARATION FOR AN "OFFICIAL MEETING" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER;

-- THESE WASHINGTON ACTIONS REVEAL ITS EFFORTS TO DRAW ASEAN COUNTRIES MORE DEEPLY INTO THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ORBIT;

-- RECENT MOVES INITIATED BY VIETNAM TO IMPROVE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS AMONG SEA COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS CONFLICT WITH WASHINGTON'S MILITARY PLANS TO PULL ASEAN INTO A MILITARY BLOC "TO SERVE THE PENTAGON'S STRATEGIC INTERESTS".

-- WASHINGTON'S POLICY IS CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN SEA.
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